

# Missouri River

Missouri National Recreational River



## 2011 Teacher-Ranger-Teacher (TRT) Positions

Missouri National Recreational River is seeking enthusiastic teachers interested in learning about the National Park Service, sharing your summer experiences as a National Park Ranger with your students and colleagues, and helping the park to build on last summer's initial strategic planning for its new full-spectrum curriculum-based education program.

Projects for this summer may include:

- developing a conceptual framework for future curriculum materials that align the park's resources and educational themes with South Dakota and Nebraska state standards
- working with park staff and other teachers to provide input on the park's future education program
- evaluating existing educational materials
- opportunities to get a behind-the-scenes look at how a national park operates and learn about some of the different National Park Service jobs through job shadows
- developing and presenting Junior Ranger and other programs to local youth at the park and partner sites in the Missouri River Corridor
- developing and pilot testing curriculum materials about the River's natural and cultural history
- assisting with presenting teacher workshops
- developing age-appropriate and differentiated activities for a new Junior Ranger Activity Book and online park Web Ranger Program
- developing and presenting physically active youth and family programs for the park's new "Let's Move Outside" Program – we have been selected as a pilot park for Mrs. Obama's initiative
- assisting with conducting pre-survey survey and administering the park's Visitor Studies Project Survey

This summer's Teacher-Ranger-Teacher (TRT) Program will run for 8 weeks between early June and mid-August; exact dates will be determined by the selected teachers' collective availability.

The goal is to hire 3 teachers from South Dakota and 3 teachers from Nebraska, one from each state at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

This year we will experiment with having TRTs located throughout the park and river corridor between Pickstown, South Dakota and Ponca, Nebraska. However, we will have a centralized training at the beginning of the season and weekly meetings each week thereafter.

### Benefits include:

- \$300/week salary supplement for 8 weeks
- You get to wear the National Park Service uniform – including the Ranger hat and be a ranger for the summer!
- A certificate documenting your hours for professional development; I am currently working on getting credit approved for those who want or need it

**How to Apply:** Complete and submit the application along with your resume:

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